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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) is proposing to purchase a 3.44-acre parcel of undeveloped private land adjacent to its existing Region 6 Headquarters in Glasgow. The purpose for acquiring this property is to secure space for equipment storage to include boats, campers and utility trailers. This space would also be utilized for the storage of various materials, including fencing supplies. The existing storage area is at its capacity with no room for future expansion. Any future improvements on these properties would be required to meet all local, state and federal government regulations.

Purchasing these lots would also provide space for a Hunter and Bowhunter Education field course to teach new hunters safe ways to carry firearms in the field (including crossing fences and hunting in a party) along with field skills such as tracking a wounded animal and "shoot/don't shoot" scenarios; however, no live firearms would be utilized on this land.

The comment period will be open from August 21, 2019 to September 20, 2019. A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared by FWP and is available at: http://fwp.mt.gov under public notices. Please submit any comments you have by 5:00 P.M., May 24, 2019 to: FWP, 1 Airport Road, Glasgow MT, 59230. You can also email comments to lgrewe@mt.gov. Hard copies are available by calling (406) 228-3700.

Sincerely,

Mark G. Sullivan Region 6 Supervisor

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